

**New Policy for the Welfare of Sanitation Employees**

1659. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to formulate a new policy for the welfare of sanitation employees of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No proposal for formulating a new policy for welfare of sanitation employees is under consideration of the Central Government.

This Ministry is however implementing a scheme for rehabilitation of scavengers. Further, Financial assistance at concessional rate of interest is given by the National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation.

**Monitoring Cell for Grants to NGOs**

1660. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having a monitoring cell to monitor and supervise the grants released to the NGOs;

(b) if so, the members of the monitoring cell;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it will not be proper to constitute a Committee involving State MPs and MLAs for supervision of the funded schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is mechanism to monitor and evaluate the performance